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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: CASC, MX  
SUBJ: SAN LUIS RIO COLORADO BUS ACCIDENT

REF: CLARK/SCS TUCKER TELCON 3/22/78

1. RESULTS OUR QUERIES RE HEAD-ON COLLISION OF TWO MEXICAN BUSES, TRAVELING BETWEEN TIJUANA AND MEXICO CITY, IN SAN LUIS RIO COLORADO SONORA MARCH 21 KILLING 25 AND INJURING 42 ARE THAT FIVE AMERICANS WERE AMONG INJURED. TWO, DAVID AND KAY BELTS HAVE BEEN TRANSFERRED TO HOSPITAL IN YUMA, ARIZONA; TWO OTHERS, JOHN RUSSELL AND KURT WEST, ARE IN CALIFORNIA AND EN ROUTE HOME; AND ONE, TWO-YEAR OLD ROBERTO SANTIAGUIN IS IN HOSPITAL IN SAN LUIS, TOGETHER WITH INJURED MEXICAN CITIZEN FATHER.

2. CONGEN CONSULAR OFFICER, WHO IN SAN LUIS MARCH 23, HAS TALKED BY PHONE WITH CHILD'S GRANDMOTHER, MRS. BEVERLY GIPSON. CHILD'S MOTHER, MRS. FNU GIPSON, RESIDES 2007 EL PRADO AVE., LEMON GROVE, CALIFORNIA 92045.

3. LOCAL AUTHORITIES HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO IDENTIFY 18 CALCINED BODIES, AND DO NOT BELIEVE THEY WILL BE ABLE TO DO SO. THERE IS NO INDICATION, HOWEVER, FROM AVAILABLE PASSENGER LISTS THAT U.S. CITIZENS MAY BE AMONG THEM. WE HAVE NOT HAD ANY PERTINENT WHEREABOUTS INQUIRIES.

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